A BIRTHOAY SONG

When berties redden on the thorn, Oh, much the tone my love was been! When leaves are sour in in the raise And all the feature of grance pale; When humaing where thread out the care, Twas then my printy live was born.

When inguises wind the merry laws, By musilized wars stell with alters skings In decreasing they were track or a chill, In most date wise tardy are still. He says the tark, we oblige to seem Of windry ourse step now was love.

O soulting toroth with become world O impgy matrix he there forkers!
For them, thought eastly he cause below,
In the word the transpot which small blow, The man of each the stance matter Marriage L. Woods to Hurray's Magnation

THE CATNIP GARDEN.

Once upon a time there lived in the beaulife city of Denver a square gordennan of the name of Toil, and he was a polys. All or even whiled the grateful horb. over the state of Colorado and elsewhere, too, the judge was friend for his postness and his learning. In fact he was so good. and as learned that one Christmas eve to follow up the true until I find it." SantaChans came and brought him assect Hettis buby son.

The forige was very proud. "I will rest this little son to be a good ver, ho miles away. and great projet," and the, "and when I am the Litters too and off they started for

fort of my age." One of the first things Judge Toll did and wold was to him a name to take ours of the atrong mough to mery the baby and amuse is all the time. The nume was a kindly old lady was but lived away down east, where there were many, many baby girls d some baby hoys, so she knew about habies and just how to take core of them. This haby was very fond of his nurse,

and he would he in her lap and admire her antique style of architecture, or would pat her wrinkled cheeks and coo the sweetest boby mosic imaginable This made Judge Toll very happy. "How handsome the buby is," he would

sty to himself, "and what a great jurist be But one day the old nurse came to the judge and said, "We must do something

The judge was vastly astoniabed. You surely do not mean to tell me that

the baby masck!" he exclaimed.
"No, not exactly sick," said the old nurse, "but he needs toning up. He is fat and strong and contented, but there is a kind of look in his eyes that tells me he needs a tonic. "Then we will call the doctor."

old norse. "The doctor would laugh at you and say the baby is all right. But I mow just as well as I know anything that the child needs toming up!"
"Well, then, what shall it be?" asked
Judge Toll. "Paregoric, squills, castor
oil, hive syrup, belladonna?"

"There is no need of that," protested the

None of them," answered the old nurse, "for they are all drugs, and he doesn't pool drugs. What he needs is toning up. The judge said nothing -he did not know

what to say. Of law, of politics, of mining, of literature, and of other workly things he knew much, but of baby tonics he simply knew nothing. "What the baby needs is catnip tes," said the old nurse. "Nothing will tone up a baby's system like catnip tes. Down in Vermont an' Maine an' Mass'ebusetts they always bring up their babies on cat-

such smart men an' women." "But I shought catnip was something ents ate," interposed the judge. "Law me, an' so it is," said the old nurse, "but it's just as likely living for human folks. Why, there's pothin' in the

nip tea, an' that's why their babies make

world that'll tone up a weak system like a this blessed child pinin' for wha'd be the makin' of him." "I know nothing about it at all," said

Judge Toll, "but if you say the buby needs eating I will get some for him." Judge Toll went all over town for catnip

every ductor's office, but not a sprig of it could be find anywhere. "You will have to send cost for it," the

"Then send east for it I will!" cried

Judge Poll. And so he did. That very night he wrote to an old college friend in Massachusetts informing him of his dilemma, and asking him to send forthwith a much it was

Well, in about three weeks' time, there the case, and when the judge opened it he yard-how they purred and writhed and found that it contained forty nine bunches yowled, and how the sparks of electricity same along a large express package from of green catein. Oh how fresh and fra | shot from their furry backs as they rubbed serose the said phains and muddy rivers to urnalia! the fermy wild woods of dear old Yankee-

The baby shall have cathip ten three times a day now!" eried the judge. "Here's enough to last a year," mid the

"I tell you what we'll do, we'll plant some of these bunches in the yard, an' werens ever out and plack them. So we will have an ever hore sain' supply."

That afterneon Judge Toff planted the reunip borb in presty cows in his front over the more he became satisfied that he yard, and thereafter carefully irrigated ought, in all humanity, to let the catastay them every merning and evening. It was and enjoy the estnig. So at last he went surprising how soon the plants took root, back to his bed and renewed his slumber and in less than seven days they were as as best be could. florerishing to their adopted soil as they When begot up next morning and looked would have been on the hills of Vermont. Into his front yard not a cat was to be seen. Whenever the old name wanted to make a nor yet a vestige of the catair either. The ten she stopped out into the yard and surf was widely rent and torn up, and plucked a few outsits leaves, steeped them every leaf, twig, sprig and root of cataly in hos water, and there it was, as natural a had disappeared. It was conjectured that estump tex se ever similared on a stove or the cats took it all away with them. They tricklial down a hally a threat. The casnip must have had a terrible battle over the

fresh sprige and leaves, and their fragrance filled the air for a great distance.

place and leemed over the fence and gamed tenderly at the thrilly herb. "Jest as not rains over," sold Unch Seth slowly and saily, as his nostrile diluted 'Jied na mat'red sa when Missy an' I used to go knokleberrato' to the modder, near the plans tree our m Pellsens. Say, jedge, you wouldn't mind givin' me a bookay on m, would get I'd kind of like to smell beneard bake ben been as Missy." old Mrs. Bexter ounse over from Evans' addition and bugged a "bunkay," too. She eriod wiftly own the coaces, green leaves, as if the sight of them awakened memories of the time when old Uncle Dan'l and she started out in life together in a little frame satisfied at Demandeston, on the West river, just als miles for Brattleborof," Oh pea, the Yankes fills come from all we to of

the city of Denvier to see that wonderful front yard, to plack the extrap journs and to sell the marvelous stories of the enres the hee's had offeeted. And all this time the spiral entrip kept growing and growing and growing and the Impresse went my and was waited luther and thather by

Amon in on top of a wore high mountsin more Del Novia tince lived an and Maihow out, the bushernal accorder of many generalisms of her species. She had come across the peaks in a profess schooler to

1800 with a party of emigrants, and now she iswed in the hospitable loft of the sin ble nearest the summit of an imposing reak not far from Del Norte. One might this old Multimo out was traversing the ridge pole of the stable when she brought to a sudden standstill by the proces blowing from the northeast.

was own satisfand the old Maltene folime; and her eyes gittsered structerly, her tail began to expand, and her ven-trable for rose on her back.

"Wuy, grant'um," inquited one of the younger onto, a common mastern tabby of uncertain age, "why, grantum, what alls

Woodwow?" retified the old Malters na spain. "Wee-ow-ove! I small entemp! Now the other cate had heard about carnip, but had mover men uny. The tales which the Multers out had told about her pertuneen with the favorite word infere she left ber kittenbood home in Malue had seen handed around among the other cats of Columbio as quasar lagends. All the other cuts had board tell of the subtle giories of cateny, but none had ever beheld "Where?" mant twenty young cate in

"Oil: I don't know," replied thould Maltene cat, "but I can small it, and I m going With these portentions words the old Malteseens whisked her tail, gave a wild "Wee-ow," and storted on a run for Deu-

"Wee-ow-ow?" cried the other cate-and Denver, string the old Malters a hos race over hill and valley, peak and plain, . . ead

The word passed around, and the cry prestry little boy factly at happened, sadly went up her and there like wildfire, "Catenough, that the body's mother was not
strong shough to carry the baby and amuse
some catalp?" The tidings reached Alamosa, and rangiong the whole of the mountain range of Colorado. The excitement was intense-cats hurried from every house, cabin, barn, stable, shed and mine, and joined the vast procession. Every city, town, haralet and camp was instantly de serted by its cat population. Such a yowlseething army of cats had never been seen. The miner in his lonely but, hearing the awful rush, sprang from his cot and cried: "The scow sild-" the snow slide! Run for your livea" But it was only the cats on the gallop to Denver! Oh, it was a prodigious spectacle, and the old Maitese cut led the vani

Judge Toll was dreaming pleasant dreams that night, when he was awak-ened therefrom by a din which threw him -St. Louis Globe-Democrat. nto a cold sweet. He crawled out of his bed, slipped anxiously into his trousers, setted his faithful shotgun and stole softly to the window. The strange noise seemed to come from the front yard-yes, from the rows of caship bushes.

Then the judge peered out of the window, and what do you think he saw?

Myriads of cuts-billiows of cuts! Cats of every size, weight, color, sex, condition and description. Black cats, white cats, tabbie cats, Maltese cats, tortoise shell cats, brindle cats, spotted cats, striped cats, brown cats, yellow cats, mauve cats, gamboge cats, long cats, short cats, tall

rate, fat cats, lean cats, stump tailed cats, one eared cats, wall eyed cats, three legged ats, mamma cuts, papa cuts and kittensoh, yes, kittens of every kind and without number! And there they were in Judge Toll's front yard, among and on the rows of cataip bushes—purring, sprawling, yowling like so many demons. "Pur-r-r," said the old, wayback Maltese

cat, all the way from Del Norte-"purr-r r! oh! isn't this lovely? It's the first catoip I've had in going on twenty-five yearspurrer! I thank heaven that I have lived to see this grateful fruit introduced into the Hocky mountain region!"

And then all the other cats-there must light Judge Toil could see myriads and myriads of other cats surging down from leys and over the plains-from George-town, Salida, Idaho, Golden, Boulder, Crested Butte, Tincup, San Juan, Pueblo, Chucharas, Buena Vista, Conejos, Duran-Judge Toll went all over town for catnip go, Manitou, Leadville, Ouray, Huerfano, Info every drug store, every grocery and Kokema, Menument, Rosita, Saguache and Trinidad-the footbills were alive with cats, the mountain peaks swarmed with cats, and cats, cats, cats swept along like druggists said, "it doesn't grow out here a swirling torrent toward one local point, in Colorado."

And, lo! the cats were coming from other directions, too-from the arid plains of Kanses and from Deer Trail, from Monotony Water Tank and from the dreary confines of Nebruska. The breeze blowing goodly supply of cataip, no matter how from the north brought the noise of vast armies of cats on their way from Laramie and Cheyenne!

The cats already in the judge's front greats they were, and how their green affectionately up against the rows of cat-lessees and assertive ofors took one back hip! It was in fact a carnival—a cat sat-

The judge said to himself, "I will shoot in among all these trespassers and drive them away. What right have they todevastate my beauteous exotics?"

But then came the second better thought. Would it not be cruel to deprive these creatures of the long denied pleasure they were now enjoying in the catnip bed? None whenever we need a few leaves for a ten of them, save the old Maltese, had ever be fore seen or tasted the precious berb; they knew of it only from the legendary love "That's a good plan," said the judge, with which the old way-back Maltese cat.
"We will plant these beating beets at had reguled them, their fathers, their ones, and they shall beautify and performs mothers, their grandmothers, their grandfathers, and so on ad infinitum.

And the more Judge Toll thought it

When begot up next morning and looked bushes meanwhile thrived and shot our remnants of the feast, for here and there on the despoiled torf lay eyes and ears and bits of tails and tofts of for silent but Uncle Seth Cooley, who lived on Capital sloquent evidences of the but tragic scene hill, one morning bobbled slown to the of all-Eugene Field.

The Antiquity of the Umbrella. The antiquity of the umbrella is undis-

puted. The Chinese, who in their lavish notions of antiquity credit their institu tions with contraries galore, think noth ing of dating the first umbrella back to 4,000 or 5,000 years anterior to the Mosaic date of creation. Many distinguished scholars have claimed to dis-



cover in the Bible reference to the existence of a shield against son and rain, while the Sanscrit poets, writing when Latin was young, are full of allusious to Various have been the speculations as to the origin of the umbrella. Some say that the introducing of leafy branches into a sort of a bower first suggested it, as the fig leaf of Father Adam gave the first adglity impulse to the clothing trade. Others that the nomadic tent was the only natural prototype of what so strongly resembles it in In the Chaldain sculptures of Nineveh

the umbrella is of frequent occurrence, as shown by the excellent reproductions of Layard, who wrote concerning it: "The umbrella or parasol, that emblem of royalty so universally adopted by eastern nations, was generally carried over the king in time of peace and semitimes even by war. In shape it resembied very closely those in common use, but it is always open in the sculptures, it was edged with tassels, and was usually ornamented at the top with a flower or some other cruament."—Clothier and Furnisher

Why the Soldter Ran.

"When Sherman was marching through Georgia, myself and a companion went on a little foraging expedition," said O. F. Rudiker, "We had a long weary tramp without finding anything to repleash the larder, for the country had been scoured by foraging parties several times before. We finally sighted a cabin inhabited by an Irish woman. In a high board inclosure were a dozen fat goese. We arranged it that I should engage the woman in conversation while my companion appropriated a goose. He fastened a long linen thread to his bayonet, attached a well baited fishhook and began angling in the goose pen. Suddenly there was a loud squawking, and we saw a big fat gander flutter to the top of the pen and make toward the soldier, who was beating a retreat. The woman was greatly amused, and called out, 'Och, me darlint, don't run; shure the gawnder's only playin wid yez.'
Playin nothin! called back the fleeing soldier, the blamed thing means business,' and the bluecoat disappeared with -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mother of Pearl. The most beautiful mother of pearl, unless that of the obalone be excepted, is obtained from the nautilus, which is a cepholon and related to the cuttlefish. Occupying only the mouth of its dwelling, the latter is composed of a series of empty chambers, each of which the animal has successively lived in and vacated as it grew bigger, building up behind it at each move a wall of purest

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Dean Swift's Remarkable Guess. One of the most remarkable guesses on record was made by Dean Swift, who, a century before the moons of Mars have been a million of them—purred in were discovered, made Gulliver say of chorus so loud that it sounded like an the astronomers of Laputa, "They have awful, lingering peal of thunder. But this found two satellites which revolve was not all. Oh, no! By the bright moon- about Mars, whereof the innermost is distant from the planet exactly three diameters of the planet; the former revolves in the space of 10 hours and the latter in 21% hours." In fact the inner moon is 10,000 miles from Mars, whereas-the diameter of the planet being 4,000 miles-Gulliver's estimate would place it at 12,000 miles.

For the outer moon he gives 20,000 miles for the distance, which is really 15,000 miles. The time of revolution for the inner moon is actually 71/4 hours and for the outer one 30 hours. Professor Hall has named the moons Deimos and Phobes, after the attendants of the god Mars, who are mentioned in Homer's "Had."-Providence Journal.

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